

DURHAM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2004 – 1:00 P.M.
Council Chambers – 1st Floor, City Hall

**SUBJECT: MATCHING FUNDS FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY GUN
PROSECUTOR GRANT – COUNTY OF DURHAM**

MOTION by Council Member Catotti seconded by Council Member Best to suspend the rules of the City Council and take action on the above mentioned subject was approved at 1:19 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Best, Brown, Catotti, Clement and Stith. Noes: None. Absent At Time of Vote: Mayor Bell.

MOTION by Council Member Stith seconded by Council Member Best to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the County of Durham, the Durham County District Attorney and the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide matching funds not to exceed \$15,000 for the contract period of December 1, 2003 – November 30, 2006 to fund a gun grimes prosecutor for the 14th Prosecutorial District; and

To authorize the City Manager to modify the contract before execution provided that modifications do not increase the dollar amount of the contract and are consistent with the general intent of the version of the contract approved by City Council was approved at 1:19 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Best, Brown, Catotti, Clement and Stith. Noes: None. Absent At Time of Vote: Mayor Bell.

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
HEART OF DURHAM MOTEL PROPERTY – CHARLES RUSSELL
WELLONS FOUNDATION**

MOTION by Council Member Brown seconded by Council Member Best to suspend the rules of the City Council and take action on the above mentioned subject was approved at 1:20 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Best, Brown, Catotti, Clement and Stith. Noes: None. Absent At Time of Vote: Mayor Bell.

MOTION by Council Member Best seconded by Council Member Catotti to find that it is necessary, in the public interest, and for the public use and benefit to condemn the property of the Charles Russell Wellons Foundation located at 500 Willard Street; and

To authorize the City Attorney to initiate condemnation proceedings for that purpose, with a deposit into court of \$750,000 as the City's estimate of just compensation; and

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To rescind the motions adopted at the Work Session on October 23, 2003 that authorized condemnation of this property was approved at 1:20 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Best, Brown, Catotti, Clement and Stith. Noes: None. Absent At Time of Vote: Mayor Bell.

**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CLEAN UP AND MAINTENANCE
OF GEER CEMETERY 800 COLONIAL DRIVE – TAX MAP 117-01-
018 – PARCEL ID 109653 – TROSA**

MOTION by Council Member Clement seconded by Council Member Stith to suspend the rules of the City Council and take action on the above mentioned subject was approved at 1:35 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Best, Brown, Catotti, Clement and Stith. Noes: None. Absent: None.

MOTION by Council Member Catotti seconded by Council Member Stith to authorize the City Manager to enter into a one-year contract with TROSA to do an initial clean up of Geer Cemetery for \$14,260 and provide quarterly maintenance for \$850 per quarter; and

To authorize the City Manager to modify the contract before execution provided the modifications do not increase the dollar amount of the contract and are consistent with the general intent of the version of the contract approved by City Council; and

To authorize the administration to contact various local organizations and the N. C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety Community Service Work Program about volunteering to continue the routine, quarterly maintenance of Geer Cemetery, to begin within three months after the one-year contract with TROSA ends was approved at 1:35 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Best, Brown, Catotti, Clement and Stith. Noes: None. Absent: None.

SUBJECT: EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE

MOTION by Council Member Best seconded by Council Member Catotti to suspend the rules of the City Council and take action on the above-mentioned subject was approved at 1:40 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Best, Brown, Catotti, Clement and Stith. Noes: None. Absent: None.

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MOTION by Council Member Catotti seconded by Council Member Clement to authorize the City Manager to make changes to the City's general plan of insurance, as needed, to purchase excess liability coverage, consistent with the City's overall financial objectives and the recommendation of the City's Broker/Consultant, with an annual premium not to exceed \$550,000 was approved at 1:40 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Bell, Mayor Pro Tempore Cole-McFadden and Council Members Best, Brown, Catotti, Clement and Stith. Noes: None. Absent: None.

D. Ann Gray, CMC
City Clerk